

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 415 - SB 1287

February 28, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires court clerks to notify the Department of Health (DOH) of any conviction for exploitation of an adult.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-14-111 prohibits the knowing exploitation of an adult. Exploitation is defined as the improper use by a caretaker of funds paid to an adult or to the caretaker for the use or care of the adult.
- The proposed legislation requires court clerks, following a conviction for exploitation of an adult, to notify the DOH by sending a copy of the judgement for inclusion in the elder abuse registry.
- The DOH notes an increase in placements on the Abuse Registry in recent years. In 2016, the Department saw a 55 percent increase in reports of convictions that merited placement on the Abuse Registry.
- The DOH can accommodate any increase in reports within their existing resources without an appropriation or a reduced reversion.
- Court clerks currently report cases of elder abuse to the DOH.
- It is assumed that court clerks can handle the additional reporting requirement within their existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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